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**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An oxide ceramic material comprising aluminum oxide as a principal component, and at least one selected from A and B shown below as an auxiliary component:

A: niobium oxide and copper oxide,

B: copper oxide, titanium oxide, and silver oxide,

wherein the oxide ceramic material is sintered at a temperature of not higher than 950°C so as to have a relative density of not less than 90%.

2. (Currently Amended) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein

a content of the principal component in the entirety of the oxides is not less than 80 mass% and not more than 98 mass%, and

in the case where all the rest of the components are the foregoing auxiliary components, a content of the auxiliary components is not less than 2 mass% and not more than 20 mass%, or in the case where other third components are contained in addition to the foregoing auxiliary components, a content of a sum of the auxiliary components and the third components ~~preferably~~ is not less than 2 mass% and not more than 20 mass%.

3. (Currently Amended) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,

wherein in the case where the auxiliary components are those of A, assuming an entirety of a sum of the auxiliary components is 100 mass%, percentages of niobium and copper oxide are in the following ranges, respectively:

40 mass% ≤ niobium oxide ≤ 70 mass%

30 mass % ≤ copper oxide ≤ 60 mass%.

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4. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1, further comprising at least one selected from titanium oxide, silver oxide, and bismuth oxide, in the case where the auxiliary components are those of A.

5. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 4,  
wherein, assuming that an entirety of a sum of the auxiliary components is 100 mass%, percentages of niobium oxide, copper oxide, titanium oxide, silver oxide, and bismuth oxide are in the following ranges:

$30 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{niobium oxide} \leq 70 \text{ mass\%}$

$10 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{copper oxide} \leq 60 \text{ mass\%}$

$0 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{titanium oxide} \leq 30 \text{ mass\%}$

$0 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{silver oxide} \leq 30 \text{ mass\%}$

$0 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{bismuth oxide} \leq 40 \text{ mass\%}$ .

6. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein, in the case where the auxiliary components are those of B, assuming that an entirety of the sum of the auxiliary components is 100 mass%, percentages of copper oxide, titanium oxide, and silver oxide are in the following ranges, respectively:

$10 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{copper oxide} \leq 90 \text{ mass\%}$

$5 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{titanium oxide} \leq 60 \text{ mass\%}$

$5 \text{ mass\%} \leq \text{silver oxide} \leq 40 \text{ mass\%}$ .

7. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1, further containing 0.1 mass% to 2.0 mass% of manganese oxide with respect to an entirety of the oxides assumed as 100 mass%.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,

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wherein the oxide ceramic material has a heat conductivity of not less than 5 W/m\*k.

10. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein the oxide ceramic material has a heat conductivity of not less than 10 W/m\*k.

11. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein the oxide ceramic material has a dielectric loss at 1 MHz of not more than 0.05.

12. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein the oxide ceramic material has a dielectric loss at 1 MHz of not more than 0.01.

13. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein the oxide ceramic material is obtained by mixing particles of either a metal material or a metal oxide material, molding the same, and sintering the same at a temperature of not higher than 950 °C.

14. (Original) The oxide ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein the oxide ceramic material is obtained by mixing particles of either a metal material or a metal oxide material, then calcining and pulverizing the same, and thereafter, molding the same, and sintering the same at a temperature of not higher than 950 °C.

15. (Original) A ceramic substrate comprising, at least in an internal layer:  
an insulation layer made of an oxide ceramic material,

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the oxide ceramic material containing aluminum oxide as a principal component, and at least one selected from at least A and B shown below as an auxiliary component:

A: niobium oxide and copper oxide

B: copper oxide, titanium oxide, and silver oxide; and

a conductive body containing silver as a principal component.

16. (Original) A ceramic laminate device comprising, at least in an internal layer:  
an insulation layer made of an oxide ceramic material,

the oxide ceramic material containing aluminum oxide as a principal component, and at least one selected from at least A and B shown below as an auxiliary component:

A: niobium oxide and copper oxide

B: copper oxide, titanium oxide, and silver oxide; and

a conductive body containing silver as a principal component.

17. (Original) A power amplifier module comprising a ceramic substrate or a ceramic laminate device, and a power amplifier element mounted thereon,

wherein the ceramic substrate or the ceramic laminate device includes, at least in an internal layer:

an insulation layer made of an oxide ceramic material,

the oxide ceramic material containing aluminum oxide as a principal component, and at least one selected from at least A and B shown below as an auxiliary component:

A: niobium oxide and copper oxide

B: copper oxide, titanium oxide, and silver oxide; and

a conductive body containing silver as a principal component.